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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ICRC VISIT TO GUINEA

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1. PRIME MINISTER BEAVOGUI SUMMONED CHARGE AUGUST
27 TO RELAY PRESIDENT TOURE'S APPROVAL OF U.S.-
PROPOSED VISIT BY INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF
RED CROSS (ICRC).

2. AS HE HAD DAY BEFORE (REFTEL), BEAVOGUI RE-
ITERATED THAT GOG HAD CONCEIVED IDEA OF DELEGATION
VISIT AS MEANS OF REASSURING U.S. GOVERNMENT ABOUT
HUMANITARIAN SIDE OF GUINEAN LIFE. GOG LEAVES IT
UP TO U.S. WHAT SORT OF DELEGATION U.S. THINKS CAN
BEST ACHIEVE THIS.

3. AS TO MODALITIES FOR ARRANGING DETAILS OF VISIT,
BEAVOGUI LEFT THAT UP TO U.S. ALSO. AS SOON AS NO-
TIFIED OF NAMES AND OFFICES OF DELEGATION MEMBERS,
GOG WOULD TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO RECEIVE
THEM. GOG WAS OPEN TO ANY DATE U.S. WISHED TO PROPOSE.
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4. COMMENT: ALMOST INSTANTANEOUS APPROVAL OF ICRC VISIT
PROPOSAL PROVIDES YET ANOTHER POSITIVE SIGN OF SEKOU
TOURE'S RECENT MOVES TOWARD BETTER RELATIONS WITH U.S.
BECAUSE BEAVOGUI LEFT NEXT STEPS IN ICRC INITIATIVE UP
TO U.S., EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT -- STILL IN FRAMEWORK
OF "INITIATING A DIALOGUE" AND RENEWING A PRODUCTIVE

WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH GUINEA"-- ICRC PROVIDE US
APPROPRIATE LETTER (PER GENEVA 6294 PARA 5) FOR
EMBASSY'S TRANSMITTAL TO BEAVOGUI.

5. CHARGE ATTEMPTED TO DRAW OUT BEAVOGUI ON MODALITIES,
E.G. WHETHER GOG MIGHT NOW WISH GET IN DIRECT TOUCH
WITH ICRC, BUT HE SAID U.S. SHOULD DECIDE THIS TOO.
IMPRESSION WAS THAT HE WISHED TO CONTINUE USING U.S.
CHANNEL TO SET UP MISSION.

6. EMBASSY SUGGESTS ICRC LETTER INCLUDE SOME FORMU-
LATION OF ICRC'S INTENT TO "INFORM ITSELF BETTER ABOUT
ALL HUMANITARIAN AND HUMAN RIGHTS ASPECTS OF GUINEAN
ACTIVITIES IN A CONFIDENTIAL AND CONSTRUCTIVE MANNER."
THIS WILL AGAIN SIGNAL PRISONER ISSUE BUT IN CONTEXT
OF ICRC OBJECTIVITY AND CONFIDENTIALITY.

7. IN GOG'S VIEW, MISSION IS BASICALLY U.S.- GUINEAN
EXERCISE. GOG NO DOUBT WILL HOLD U.S.
RESPONSIBLE FOR ICRC'S ASSURANCES OF NO PUBLICITY ON
SUBSTANCE OF FINDINGS AND OF SUBMISSION OF FINDINGS
TO U.S. AND GUINEAN GOVERNMENTS ONLY, AS WELL AS FOR
OBJECTIVITY OF MISSION PERSONNEL. THUS, IF RESULTS
OF MISSION ARE NOT PLEASING TO PRESIDENT TOURE, U.S.
RISKS GETTING SHARE OF BLAME.

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8. LESS THAN AN HOUR AFTER CHARGE LEFT BEAVOGUI'S
OFFICE, ALTERCATION BETWEEN CONAKRY MARKET WOMEN AND
POLICE BEGAN (CONAKRY 1521 NOTAL). IMPACT ON TOURE
OF GUINEA'S FIRST OPEN VENTING OF POPULAR DISCONTENT
IN YEARS IS NOT YET CLEAR, BUT CIVIL DISTURBANCES NO
DOUBT WILL DO LITTLE TO ENCOURAGE GOG HUMANITARIANISM.
HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF BEAVOGUI'S GREEN LIGHT, SUGGEST GO AHEAD
WITH INITIATIVE ANYWAY UNLESS GOG ITSELF RENEGES.
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